



May 20, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of LightSquared Subsidiary LLC Request for Modification of its Authority for an Ancillary Terrestrial Component; SAT-MOD-20101118-00239

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the CEO for one of the most established mediation firms in the country—and a volunteer firefighter for the small mountain community of Jamestown—I want to express my support for LightSquared's efforts to deploy a nationwide 4G-LTE network that provides coverage to at least 92% of Americans.


Especially in mountainous regions, it is critically important for the fire crew to keep in touch with each other. I was on the team for the Fourmile Canyon fire near Boulder, Colorado and closely monitor other fires in the area; I know LightSquared's technology could help fire departments keep in better contact with their fire crew. I hope the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will expedite the launch of this important new service.

In our mediation business, mobile handheld devices are extremely important to staying in contact. It is essential to Colorado's and the nation's economic competitiveness to continue building out our mobile broadband infrastructure. LightSquared would bring more broadband communications capacity to the country, and in doing so, generate jobs and economic development.

I understand that LightSquared's network would be the first to combine ground-based cells with satellite communications. As someone who lives in the foothills, I know my fellow firemen, emergency medical technicians and other first responders are eager for this kind of technology, which would enable a new level of communications reliability in the case of natural disasters or other emergencies.

I support the FCC's current process to ensure LightSquared can move forward with its deployment and in doing so, I thank the Commission for their leadership in supporting first-responders, small business and expanding mobile broadband capacity and availability throughout our country.

Sincerely,



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